

# School District Waste Reduction Questionnaire 2000

Please mark "All" or "Some" if the question applies to all or some schools within the district; otherwise leave blank.

## 1. Which, if any, of the following WASTE PREVENTION activities are practiced in your school district?

All	Some

"Offer vs. serve" lunch program  
 Wash cafeteria trays, dishes, or reusable flatware  
 Donate to food banks/rescue programs  
 On-site composting/vermicomposting (compost w/worms)  
 Grasscycle (leave grass clippings vs. collecting)  
 Mulch tree trimmings  
 Vendors take back or reuse packaging material (e.g. pallets)  
 Require minimal packaging from vendors

All	Some

Route memos to reduce paper  
 Use bulletin boards vs. individual announcements  
 Use e-mail & electronic faxes  
 Reuse of paper  
 Double sided copying  
 Donate or reuse supplies and/or equipment  
 Send back toner cartridges for refill  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Are any of the following purchasing options practiced in the District?

All	Some

Use mulch/compost generated from the district  
 Purchase of recycled-content paper products

All	Some

Purchase recycled-content products other than paper  
 Purchase rerefined oil for vehicles, buses, etc

## 3. Mark any of the following materials that are collected for recycling within the school district:

All	Some

Cardboard  
 White paper  
 Computer paper  
 Mixed office paper  
 Newspaper  
 Magazines  
 Phone books  
 Aluminum cans  
 Aluminum trays  
 Steel/tin cans

All	Some

Scrap metal  
 Glass  
 Polystyrene  
 #1 plastic (PETE)  
 #2 plastic (HDPE)  
 Milk Cartons  
 Computers  
 Tree trimmings  
 Food Scraps  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Who transports the district's recyclables to market?

All	Some

Private hauler, same one that hauls the garbage  
 Recycler, different from garbage hauler  
 City/county  
 Non-profit organization (e.g. scouts, local shelter)  
 Self haul (e.g. teacher, janitor, volunteer)  
 Backhauling (picked up when new product is delivered)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name/City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Name/City \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( if more than one hauler provides services to the district  
 please include the information on an additional sheet)

## 5. What materials are composted within the school district?

All	Some

Grass clippings  
 Bush/tree clippings  
 Milk Cartons

All	Some

Paper  
 Food scraps  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. What barriers has the district encountered in implementing waste reduction activities?

All	Some

Sanitation or safety concerns  
 On-site collection  
 Staffing and/or supervision  
 Funding or start-up costs  
 Resistance to change  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

All	Some

Transportation of recycled materials to markets  
 Lack of markets within the district's region  
 Storage of materials  
 Motivating staff and students to participate  
 Training staff and students about the program

## 7. Does the school district have a WRITTEN waste prevention plan or policy?

## 8. Does the school district have a WRITTEN policy to purchase recycled-content products?

## 9. Does the district office coordinate district-wide recycling activities?

## 10. Does the school district have a contract for solid waste hauling?

## 11. Is any renovation/construction planned for school buildings within the next two years?

## 12. Would you like to receive information on NEW student curriculum for solid waste management, used oil, or "closing the loop"?

## 13. Who is the district contact for waste reduction/recycling activities? Please Write Name, Phone # and E-mail Here:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (area code, #): \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

District Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 14. Who completed the questionnaire (if different from above)?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much for completing this questionnaire! Please return by fax to (916) 341-6678. If you have any questions please call Corbett Cutts @ (916) 341-6234

Yes	No

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